

youth through education and athletics continued. He went on to become the basketball coach at Yale in 1966 before moving to Howell, where he spent two years honing his skills.

When starting his career in Beaverton, Roy became a 5th Grade teacher and spent four seasons as the Junior Varsity Coach. After stepping into the Varsity role, the Beaverton Beavers secured their first district title in two decades and went on to become regional champions. With his record of success and passion for students, Roy set a new example of success in the community.

Roy has been especially vital to Michigan's Fourth District, helping many see how comradery and teamwork play a vital role in rallying a community together for a common cause. Now, with a record league winning streak, the Beaverton Beavers are riding high on theft accomplishments. It's only fitting for Roy to hold this title after his induction into the Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame nearly two decades ago.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Roy Johnston for his achievement in becoming the winningest boys basketball coach in Michigan high school history and his lifetime commitment to the people of Beaverton.

**SALUTING THE HEROIC ACTS OF
THE MEMBERS OF THE PALM
BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT,
PALM BAY, FL**

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2017

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 7th the City of Palm Bay will recognize the courage and bravery of the City's law enforcement officers and civilians during their Annual Valor Awards Ceremony to be held at the Front Street Civic Center located in Melbourne, FL. Over two-hundred Law Enforcement Officials and Civilian Employees make up The City of Palm Bay's Police Department.

The 160 Sworn Officers, and all the men and women that make up the Palm Bay Police Department lay down their lives on a daily basis as peacekeepers, maintaining law and order for the protection and enhancement of our community. Their motto of Connect, Serve, and Impact speaks of officers connecting with the community as they serve with pride to provide a positive impact to its citizens. Their selfless actions are right and noble, and help keep our community safe.

The Palm Bay Police Department obtained its State of Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation status on October 31, 2007 from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. and has successfully achieved reaccreditation over the last nine years.

I am honored to show my support for the law enforcement personnel of the Palm Bay Police Department and their heroic acts. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families. Among those to be recognized are the Medal of Valor Recipients: Officer of the Year Thomas Ribnick, Officer Reed Caswell, Officer David Morales, and Officer Millan Valdes. Civilian of the Year Recipient, Crystal Baker.

The Distinguished Service Award Recipients: Officers Jason McCoy, Samantha

Missale, Neal Valenti, Robert Vickers, Cassandra Woronka.

Officers and Civilian Recipients of the Life Saving Award: Steve Shytle, Ryan Van Note (2x), Sean Dutil, Robert Vickers, Cassandra Woronka, Jon Anthony, Brian Miller.

Officers & Civilian Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award: Roy Lavanture, Thomas Ribnick, Cliff Graves, Sean Pindar, Millan Valdes, Parker Farmer, Nicholas Szczepanski, Rebecca Tillet, Ken Shedrick, Lewis Jones, Michael Pusatere, Ron Lugo, Shane Mertens, Christopher Snedeker, Tyler Fooks, Mark Trammel, Kimberley Waters, Edwin Lutz, Tim Lancaster, Dawn Strickland, Jessica Hinchman, Rebecca Wolfe, Phillip Clendenin, Natasha Hauber, Bridget Sander.

Community Service Award: Greg Leonard (2x), Kyle Schuck, Alcine Phan-Pennington (2x), Scott Eakins (2x), Shane Mertens, Christopher Snedeker (2x), Richard Marion, Joseph Hamilton, Tim Landers, Carlos Valentin, Aaron Yurgens, William Pennington, Bailey Sullivan, Ryan Austin, Bryan Camarta.

**RECOGNIZING THE 2017 TYSONS
REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce and to congratulate the incoming 2017 board members. Tysons has drastically transformed during the past 55 years from a sleepy, rural area to one of the most vibrant regions in the country. This change began when the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved plans for the Tysons Corner Shopping Center in 1962. When the mall opened in 1968, it was hailed as the largest enclosed mall in the world.

Since then, there has been a dramatic influx of technology companies, government contracting firms, and other corporations. Tysons has become the premier business district of the Washington Metropolitan Area and is one of the largest employment center in the United States. With the opening of Metro's Silver Line and ongoing redevelopment, the region is expected to continue adding not only businesses but also high-density residential housing.

The mission of the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce is to be the unified voice of the business community while ensuring that its ties and commitment to the community are strengthened. The Chamber actively promotes local non-profits and community organizations as well as youth educational programs, and it sponsors multiple events each year in support of these activities.

The growth of the Chamber has been the result of the diversity of its members and the leadership of its Board. I am pleased to include in the RECORD the names of the incoming 2017 Board Members:

2016 Chairman of the Board: Lori Lopez
2017 Chairman of the Board: Peg McDermott
General Counsel: William P. Daly, Jr.
VP of Finance: David MacGillivray
Treasurer: Shania Kapoor
VP of Membership: Josh Brady
VP of Marketing: Virginia Case

At-Large Members: Mark Rogoff, Kathy Jensen, Maureen Loftus, Gian Cocomello, Peter Wynne, Jeffrey Krashin, Jonathan LaCroix, Dalia Palchik, Matt Evans, Jerry Ferguson, Kathleen A. Kelly, Sopa Keo, Shirley Luu, Cory Scott, and Pat Whalen.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the incoming board members and in commending the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce for its commitment to promoting the business community while encouraging social responsibility and civic engagement. I wish the Chamber the very best for its continued growth and success.

**MIKE PODEGRACZ RECEIVES DIS-
TINGUISHED SERVICE-COMMU-
NITY SERVICE AWARD FROM
THE VVC FOUNDATION**

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2017

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Mike Podegracz who will be presented the Distinguished Service-Community Service Award from the Victor Valley College Foundation on February 25, 2017.

Mike Podegracz was nominated for this award for his countless hours of service and civic engagement within the community of Hesperia and throughout Victor Valley. Mike has devoted 15 years to the economic and urban development of Hesperia. As city manager, Mike developed numerous necessary developments including the community's finest park and recreation center, city council facility, and police station. In addition to Mike's work as former city manager, he continues to contribute to various charities and non-profit groups such as: Hesperia's Relay for Life, Community Cleanup Day, and the Water Conservation Booth at the Hesperia Days Celebration.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to thank Mike Podegracz for his tireless work and dedication to the High Desert Community. I congratulate Mike Podegracz on receiving the Distinguished Service-Community Service Award from the Victor Valley College Foundation.

ALTON MAURICE WHITE

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2017

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of one of Tampa Bay's true trailblazer, Alton Maurice White, during Black History Month. He has dedicated himself to improving the lives of others through public service and education. Today, I am grateful to recognize his selfless dedication and honor his valuable service to our community.

Mr. White chose early on into his impressive career to dedicate himself to service his community. Receiving an athletic scholarship to attend Florida A&M University, Mr. White was active both on and off the field. As a brother